

# Dirksen Asks Discipline of Udall for Cuba Remark

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Washington, April 24—Senate Republican Leader Dirksen [Ill.] today called upon President Kennedy to "discipline" Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall for the partisan political assertion that former President Eisenhower planned and directed last week's abortive anti-Castro invasion of Cuba.

Dirksen took the Senate floor to criticize Udall as a top Kennedy administration official who declined to be quoted by name, said the President did not consult former President Eisenhower on the Cuban invasion at any time after he left office last Jan. 20.

## Belongs to Kennedy

The administration official said flatly that the responsibility for the Cuban fiasco belongs entirely to the Kennedy administration.

He said that plans for the invasion aimed at overthrowing Premier Fidel Castro's regime were started last year under the Eisenhower administration, but the new administration made the decision to continue with these plans and carry them out.

There is no intention on the part of Kennedy or any member of his cabinet to imply that Eisenhower shares any responsibility for the failure of the rebel invasion, the official said.

## Conceived by Ike

Udall said yesterday on a television program that President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon conceived the Cuban invasion a year ago and "handed it over" to President Kennedy to carry out.

Denouncing the interior secretary's remarks as "entirely uncalled for," Dirksen told the Senate that Republicans have been "pretty circumspect" in not only refraining from criticism of Kennedy, but assuring the chief executive of their support in his foreign policies.

## Should Be Disciplined

The Senate Republican leader said he was dismayed by Udall's apparent attempt to "draw a political line" and

invasion fiasco on the Eisenhower administration.

"I think the President ought to discipline Udall for that kind of a statement," Dirksen said.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield [Mont.] said he did not believe it would serve the interests of the United States "to develop scapegoats" for the failure of the Cuban invasion.

Dirksen and Mansfield agreed that a congressional investigation of the role of the central intelligence agency in the Cuban invasion is not in order at this time.

## Brother Joins Study

Earlier today, Kennedy announced that he had assigned his brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, to assist in a government study of this country's intelligence system and capacity for limited warfare.

The President also assigned Allen W. Dulles, director of the central intelligence agency, and Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, chief of naval operations, to the project—an outgrowth of the failure of last week's uprising against the Castro regime.

The President announced the study last Saturday shortly before he conferred on the Cuban crisis with former President Eisenhower. At that time, the President named Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor [ret.], former army chief of staff, to direct the study of American intelligence and "para-military," or non-conventional, guerrilla, warfare.

## Had Faulty Reports

Administration officials have acknowledged that the failure of the anti-Castro invasion, which the United States encouraged and helped arm and train, was the result mainly of faulty intelligence reports from Cuba.

These reports led to serious miscalculations as to Premier Castro's military strength and capacity to repel the invasion and the likelihood of a civilian revolt in support of the invad-